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SUBJECT: GPNG KEEN TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL PROLIFERATION SECURITY INITIATIVE WORKSHOP.

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¶1. Emboff delivered reftel invitation on August 7 to Fred Sarufa, Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's International Organization Branch, who accepted for the Government of Papua New Guinea (GPNG) to participate in the Regional Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Counterproliferation Workshop scheduled to be held in Sydney, Australia, September 15-17, 2009. At request of Australian High Commission (AHC), the demarche was made bilaterally with AHC Political Officer Simon Fellows joining Emboff to issue the invitation.

¶2. Sarufa stated the GPNG views the PSI as important, emphasizing the GPNG agrees with its objectives. The GPNG, he noted, welcomes the opportunity to be part of the regional exercise and feels it will contribute to regional security, which is a key pillar in the GPNG's 25-year national plan. Sarufu said he hoped to be able to provide the names of Papua New Guinea's participants within a week.

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